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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

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Director of Global Issues

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SUBJECT:

OGI Support of Analysis on
Communist Penetration Issues

1. Attached is a statement of the OGI view of the mission and activities of its revamped Arms Trade/Strategic Aid Branch, to be called the Communist Activities Branch. Our main idea is over time to build up and improve DDI capabilities on Communist penetration issues by development of a centralized Third World/Communist Activities data base. This data base will augment the Communist trade and aid files presently maintained by OGI. It will enable OGI analysts as well as those throughout the regional offices to improve their analytical capability by establishing time series on the following areas:

- o The presence of Communist diplomatic military and intelligence personnel.

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- o The strategy of national Communist parties and the degree of control from Moscow to influence local decisionmaking.
- o Communist infiltration of local labor unions or national democratic fronts.
- o The level of economic and military aid as a tool to further Communist foreign policy goals in a country or region.
- o The presence of Communist technical advisors or troops.
- o Communist focus on youth organizations, international peace organizations or related types of organizations in a particular country or region.
- o The use of front companies or trading organizations.
- o The nature and extent of Communist agreements and treaties signed with particular countries.
- o Communist use of cultural/sports/labor/academic/scientific exchanges as tools of penetration.

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- o Communist target or assets of penetration, which includes a variety of combinations of the above.

2. Development of the data base will be a multiyear proposition. Some of the data required have not been consistently collected; those available will take substantial sorting out. The branch itself is presently understaffed and constrained by the ceiling on personnel. We are negotiating with for a place in the ADP support line. 25X1

3. Assuming that you bless this effort, I would like to circulate a copy of the attached to all other DDI offices to alert them to our effort and help solicit, as required, their support (i.e., making their files available to develop the data base).

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Attachment:

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The Communist Activities Branch (ISID/CA) -- formerly the Arms Trade/Aid Branch -- has two specific functions. The first is well-established and includes the production of intelligence on Communist economic and military aid worldwide. This research is backed by at least 20 years of continuity on the account and is largely contained in computer files such as the ASWAN and SOVARMS programs and the new SMIL program being developed by CPAS.

The second function -- that of monitoring Communist penetration of the Third World -- is a new research responsibility and is the main reason for the change in the name of the branch. Research on this topic will entail development of a computerized Communist activities file available to all DI analysts.

When completed, the file would include the following fields:

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